Week 2
Hopeless Situations

Sermon Notes

Luke 8:40-56
So it was, when Jesus returned, that the multitude welcomed Him, for they were all waiting for Him. And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. And Jesus said, "Who touched Me? "When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?' "But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me. "Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace. "While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's *house,* saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher." But when Jesus

heard *it,* He answered him, saying, “Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well.” When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, “Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping.” And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, “Little girl, arise.” Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given *something* to eat. And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

1. **Hopeless Situation: The Woman with the Issue of Blood**
    - Infirmity happened in her body
        i. Exodus 15
            - Couldn’t marry
            - Couldn’t worship
            - Couldn’t engage with society
        ii. Physical Misery
            - Body is exhausted
            - Everything has been tried
        iii. Social Misery
            - Cannot take part in society
            - Shut in and shut out
        iv. Spiritual Misery
            - Impacted her ability to worship
            - Isolation
        v. Financial Ruin
            - She spent everything she had

    - **Hopelessness leads to desperation**
        i. She knew Jesus was nearby
        ii. She rebelled against customs and norms
        iii. She pushed through everyone to touch Jesus' cloak
        iv. She reached out and touched in faith

    - **Jesus Interaction**
        i. Jesus says, “who touched me?”
        ii. Jesus was calling out her faith, not the crowd
        iii. Jesus gently calls her **daughter**
        iv. Faith was the Instrument, but Jesus was the healer.

2. **Hopeless Situation: Jairus’ Daughter**
    - Jesus was interrupted by the women while on the way to Jairus’ house

- As the woman is healed, Jairus learns his daughter is dead (Luke 8:49)
- “But when Jesus heard it, he answered him by saying, “Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well”. (Luke 8:50)
- What was dead by man’s declaration, comes to life by Jesus’ declaration.

3. **Hopeless situations are not the final say. Jesus has the final say**

Questions to Consider

1. **Why do you think Luke includes both stories together? The story of Jairus’s daughters and the woman of blood.**

2. **How do you think Jairus felt when Jesus stopped to address the woman while his daughter was dying? How does Jesus' response to the woman teach us about His character?**

3. **Some of us relate to God (the father) through a lens of wounded relationships with our earthly parents. How does knowing Jesus calls you son or daughter bring healing?**

4. **Jesus said to Jairus, “don't be afraid, just believe.” What fears may be preventing you from believing God has something for you in life right now?**

5. **Have you ever felt disappointed that God brought healing to others but not to you? How does this story and message speak to that disappointment?**

Application

This Week's Challenge

Choose one or more of the following:

1. **Identify Your Hopeless Situation**
   - Write down one situation in your life that feels hopeless
   - Pray specifically: "Jesus, I don't just hope You can help; I believe You will. I'm reaching out in faith."

2. **Push Through the Crowd**
   - Like the woman who pushed through obstacles to touch Jesus, what is one barrier (fear, shame, doubt, busyness) you need to push through this week to get to Jesus?
   - Take a concrete step: extended prayer time, fasting, meeting with a prayer partner

3. **Receive Your Identity**
   - If you struggle with father/mother wounds, spend time this week meditating on what it means that God calls you "son" or "daughter"
   - Write out scriptures about your identity in Christ and read them daily

4. **Stop Medicating, Start Confronting**
   - The sermon mentioned we sometimes medicate issues rather than confront them
   - Is there something you're managing rather than bringing to Jesus for complete healing? Commit to prayer about it this week

5. **Testify**
   - If God has healed you (physically, emotionally, spiritually, relationally), share your testimony with someone this week

★ Men, join us Thursday night @ 7pm!

Pray for one another

- Create space for laying on of hands and praying for specific healing needs